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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 42-47 are currently pending in this application, claims 8-41 previously being withdrawn from consideration.

In the present Office Action claims 1-7 and 42-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and claims 42-47 stand objected to. New claims 48-51 are hereby added; said new claims essentially recasting the subject matter of amended method claims 1 and 2 as a computer readable medium storing instructions for performing the method, and as an apparatus for performing said method set forth as means-plus-function claims, respectively.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned regarding this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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